

## Message Text

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INFO AMEMBASSY LIMA

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAIR, CO  
SUBJ: CIVAIR: STATUS OF AEROCOSTA

REF: 76 STATE 273254 AND PREVIOUS

1. EMBOFF SPOKE WITH LEONARDO RONDEROS, CHIEF OF PLANNING, AEROCIVIL. RONDEROS STATED THAT HE DOES NOT FEEL THAT AEROCOSTA WILL EVER FLY AGAIN YET HE IS EXTREMELY RELUCTANT TO REQUEST CANCELLATION OF OPERATING PERMIT DUE TO FEAR THAT ROUTE WILL BE LOST TO COLOMBIA.

2. RONDEROS SEEMS TO BE AWARE THAT GOC MAY SELECT ANOTHER AIRLINE TO FLY AEROCOSTA ROUTE TO MAIMI BUT IS UNWILLING TO SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS DUE TO UNCERTAINTY OF REQUIREMENTS TO BE MET BY PROSPECTIVE CARRIER. ACCORDING TO AEROCIVIL THERE ARE FIVE AIRLINES REQUESTING TO SERVICE THIS ROUTE BUT NO SELECTION HAS BEEN MADE TO DATE.

3. EMBOFF ALSO SPOKE WITH JORGE RUEDA SAENZ, LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR EXIMBANK IN BOGOTA. SR. RUEDA STATED THAT HE FELT THAT AEROCOSTA WOULD BE ABLE TO BEGIN OPERATIONS IN TWO OR THREE MONTHS OR AS SOON AS WHAT HE VAGUELY DESCRIBES AS LABOR PROBLEMS ARE SOLVED. SR. RUEDA IS EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT A POSSIBLE LOSS ON THE PART OF EXIMBANK AND MENTIONED

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A SCHEME FOR RENTING OR LEASING THE AEROCOSTA PERMIT TO ANOTHER AIRLINE IN ORDER TO GENERATE REVENUES THAT WOULD BE USED TO PAY CREDITORS. HE STATED THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL INTERESTED PARTIES CONSIDERING THIS PROPOSAL.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTS CAB TO SEND COPY OF REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE MET BY APPLICANT AIRLINE TO SERVICE AEROCOSTA ROUTE SO

THAT THIS INFORMATION MAY BE SUBMITTED TO AEROCIVIL. PERHAPS WITH THIS EMBASSY CAN CONVINCE AEROCIVIL TO REQUEST CANCELLATION OF AEROCOSTA PERMIT AND PROPOSE NEW CARRIER FOR ROUTE.

5. IN ADDITION EMBASSY REQUESTS STATEMENT FROM EXIMBANK DESCRIBING THEIR EVALUATION OF SITUATION. SINCE MIAMI ROUTE IS ONLY POTENTIAL SOURCE OF INCOME FOR AEROCOSTA, ONCE PERMIT IS REVOKED EXIMBANK MIGHT BE FORCED TO WRITE OFF AEROCOSTA LOAN AS A BAD DEBT.

6. DUE TO THIS APPARENT INTERAGENCY CONFLICT OF INTEREST EMBASSY IS RELUCTANT TO MOVE FURTHER WITHOUT CLARIFICATION FROM DEPARTMENT.  
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